THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh *vide* letter **dated** 13.07.2007 requested the Government of India regarding introduction of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the mulberry cocoons and to fix Rs. lOOAperkg. for Multivoltine cocoons and Rs. ISO/* per kg. for Bivoltine cocoons. Government of India has asked Central Silk Board to obtain the views of other States and suggest a comprehensive and workable scheme alongwtih mechanism for its implementation.

(d) Doe: not arise.

Handloom Export Zone

2633. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Win the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up nation's first Handloom Export Zone (HEZ);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the location identified for setting up of the same;

(c) whether it is also proposed to extend the same to other parts of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether there is also proposal to set up export panel for preparing fibre policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) **and** (b) The Handloom Export Promotion Council has started implementing Handloom Export Zone project in Nagercoll, Kancheepuram, Thiruvannamalai, Nagapattinam and Thiruvallur with the financial aid from State agencies. These projects aim to establish Commom Facility Centres, increase productivity and quality of handloom products and loom upgradation. These projects will create a supply hub for home textile for 'export markets with trained' workforce.

(c) The Handloom Export Promotion Council **has** started implementing all the five Handloom Export Zone projects in the State of Tamil Nadu. Presently, there is no proposal with the Government to extend the same to other parts of the country.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal to set up export panel for preparing fibre policy.

Numbers of handloom, powerloom, synthetic yarn etc. production units

t2634. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of handloom , powerloom, synthetic yarn, readymade garments and hosiery producing units in the country as on date, location-wise;

(b) the amount of funds spent by Government for the development of textile industries each year during the last three years, till date; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to promote the export of textiles produced by the said units?

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